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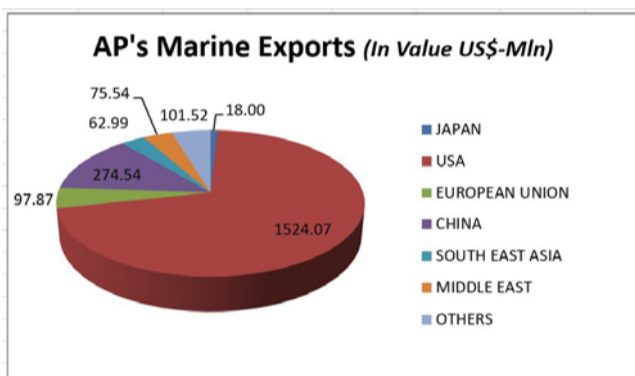
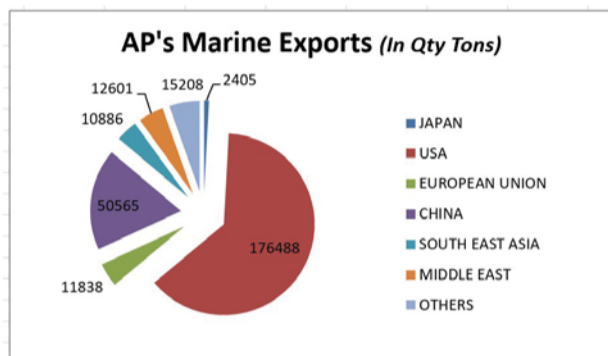
AP exported USD 2.1 Billion of Sea foods in FY'21

Aditya Sabharwal

Marine exports continue to be a dominant sector of exports for the state of Andhra Pradesh. The sector has grown leaps and bounds over the past decade and contributes overwhelmingly to the overall marine exports from the country.

products exported frozen shrimps continued to be the dominant export product.

India exported US\$ 5.96 Billion worth of seafoods during financial year FY'21. Out of this a substantial US\$ 2.154 billion came from the state of Andhra Pradesh thereby contributing a significant



Among the various marine 36.17% to the overall ex-

ports value (in USD).

In terms of tonnage the country exported 11,49,341 MT of marine products in the last fiscal out of this over half i.e. 51% of exports were of frozen shrimps.

The state of Andhra Pradesh continued to dominate the frozen Shrimps category. Out of the total 590, 275 tons of

frozen shrimps exported in FY'21, an astounding 272,158 tons of frozen shrimps were from the state of Andhra Pradesh alone.

While the total marine exports from AP stood at 279,992 tons a whopping 97% of that was of frozen shrimps.

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AP reports over USD 4 Billion in Investments

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In a significant announcement made by the Andhra Pradesh economic development board

these investments were not proposed or in discussions but actually 'grounded'. As per the data obtained the Rs 29,780.86 crores figure is

Anantapur District alone raked in USD 2.6 Billion

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(APEDB) it revealed that the state had received an impressive **Rs 29,780.86 crores** in investments over the past two years i.e. from period June 2019 to May 2021.

APEDB clarified that

spread across 65 projects and said to have generated employment to the tune of 45,049 people.

Out of the total grounded investments of Rs 29,780 crores a stag-

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KC Das interim CMD, RINL



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Mr. Kishore Chandra Das, Director (Personnel), RINL has been assigned the additional charge of the post of CMD, RINL. This will be for a period of one month from June 1 to June 30 or until the joining of a regular incumbent or until further orders by the Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India.

Mr Das was assigned the additional role due to the Superannuation of RINL CMD **Mr. PK Rath**, on May 31, after serving the company for 38 yrs.

A Post Graduate in Humanities and an MBA Mr Kishore Chandra Das took over as Director (Personnel), RINL on 1st January 2017. Prior to joining RINL, Mr.Das had worked in the capacity of Executive Director (HR) at MDL.

Govt offering 67 coal mines in 2nd tranche

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The government recently stated that the second tranche of coal mine auction would see the biggest ever offer of coal mines in the country.

Mr M Nagaraju, Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, Govt of India, said, "We are offering 67 mines with a total resource of almost 36 bn and explored mines PRCs of about 150 million tonnes (mt) in the second tranche auctions of coal mines for commercial mining. This is the biggest ever offer of coal mines in the country."

He was addressing the '1st Stakeholders' Consultation on 2nd Tranche of Auction of Coal Mines for

Commercial Mining, organized by Ministry of Coal, jointly with FICCI. Mr Nagaraju said, "The offers, which are in almost all coal-bearing states, give great opportunity and chance to the industry to pick the relevant and useful mines depending on their requirements."

Assuring the industry of providing all support, Mr Nagaraju said, "From this ongoing tranche of auction, Ministry of Coal is moving to a rolling auction mechanism wherein any un-auctioned mine shall remain available for auction on the portal, with more mines be-

ing added as and when available."

Mr Manoj Kumar, CMD, CMPDIL & WCL, said that there are 67 coal blocks in this tranche- 23 of which are CMSP and 44 are



MMDR blocks; 37 are fully explored, while remaining 30 are partially or regionally explored.

The auction shall be held online through a transparent two-stage process. Key highlights of this auction pro-

cess are - market linked mechanism wherein bidding shall be based on Percentage Revenue Share, National Coal Index linked payments, ease in participation with no restriction for prior coal mining experience, optimized payment structures, efficiency promotion through incentives for early production and use of clean technology, flexible operating terms etc.

The commencement of sale of tender document started from 25 March and the bid due date is 24 June 2021. Details of the mines, auction terms, timelines, etc., can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/coalblock/index.jsp>

May sees Railways load highest ever freight

VIS News Service

Despite the Covid challenges, Freight figures continued to maintain high momentum in terms of earnings and loading in the month of May 2021 for Indian Railways.

As per an official release Indian Railways' Freight recorded it's highest ever loading for the month of May.

Indian railways handled 114.8 MT in May 2021 which is 9.7% more than May 2019 (104.6 MT).

Some of the important items transported during May 2021 included 54.52 million tonnes of Coal, 15.12 million tonnes of



Iron Ore, 5.61 million tonnes of Food grains, 3.68 million tonnes of Fertilizers, 3.18 million tonnes of Mineral Oil, 5.36 million tonnes of Cement (excluding clinker) and 4.2 million tonnes of Clinker.

In the month of May 2021, Indian Railways earned Rs. 11604.94 crores from freight loading.

Wagon Turnaround time saw an improvement of 26% in this month wherein wagon turnaround time registered at 4.81 days as compared to 6.46, in May 2019.

It was mentioned that speed of freight trains have been enhanced in the existing network wherein freight speed has doubled over last 18 months.

Few zones (around four zones) have registered average speed of freight trains even above 50 Kmph said the release.

An average speed of 45.6 Kmph was registered in May 2021 for freight trains which is 26% more as compared to 36.19 Kmph for the same period in 2019.

Vedanta to plant over 10 lakh saplings

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In connection with the World Environment Day, Vedanta Chairman **Mr. Anil Agarwal**, virtually launched the Vedanta Cares Green Cover initiative. More than 10 lakh trees will be planted through the Vedanta Cares Green Cover initiative, which will be rolled out across the company's business locations.

JSHL Q4FY' 21 sales up 23%

VIS News Service

Jindal Stainless Steel (Hisar) Limited (JSHL) results for Q4FY21 registered higher sales volume owing to a revival in domestic demand for stainless

steel. JSHL's sales volume stood at 182,474 tonnes, up by 23% over the corresponding period last year (CPLY).

Consistent deleveraging helped in the reduction of long-term debt by INR 387 crore during Q4FY21,

activity, triggered stainless steel demand from segments like Auto, Railways, and Wagon, along with Metro Rail.

Commenting on the performance of the Company,

Geographical Segment	Q4FY21	Q4FY20
Domestic	92%	89 %
Export	8%	11%

As per a release from the company, EBITDA and Profit after tax (PAT) of

which stood at INR 1250 crore. Interest cost fell by 39% over CPLY to INR 42 crore stated the release.

It was informed that improved business sentiments, along with sustained growth in the domestic economic

Managing Director, JSHL, **Mr Abhyuday Jindal**, said, "Demand recovery, coupled with strong operational performance and consistent deleveraging of the balance sheet, led to a good Q4".

NMDC's May'21 sales up 30%

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NMDC, the country's largest Iron Ore producer continued its growth streak with a sturdy performance in May 2021. The company produced 2.79 MT and sold 3.30 MT iron ore in May 2021, securing a growth of 22% in production and 30% in sales against May 2020.

Cumulative production and sales figures upto May '21 stood at 5.91 MT and 6.39 MT respectively, thereby achieving 45% more production and 63% more sales over CPLY stated an offi-

cial release from NMDC.

The Kirandul Complex at Chhattisgarh achieved record production (10.45 LT) and despatch (14.23



LT) in May 2021, highest in any May month since inception.

Commenting on the performance **Mr. Sumit Deb**, CMD, NMDC expressed

satisfaction at the overall results and said, "NMDC employees have been putting their best efforts during the resurgence of the second wave of COVID-19 to secure the raw material needs of the country. I attribute this accomplishment to the perseverance and performance of NMDC employees. As the

COVID situation across our major production projects shows an improvement, I am positive that we will perform even better in the coming months".

IN BRIEF

SAIL's jumbo COVID care Centre opened

Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, **Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan** digitally inaugurated the Ispat Nidan Kendra – the newly developed state-of-the-art jumbo COVID Treatment Centre of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP). This Centre has at present 100 oxygenated beds including 50 ventilator-attached beds. Pradhan said that SAIL, RSP has once again rose to the occasion and proved its capability by taking up host of initiatives to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.



ISTD felicitates RINL's K C Das

On assumption of Addl. Charge of CMD of RINL, **Mr. K C Das** was felicitated by **Dr ORM Rao**, Chairman, the Indian Society for Training & Development (ISTD) and its Management Committee Members of Visakhapatnam Chapter. **Prof. K Sambasiva Rao**, AU, **Prof. N Kishore Babu**, Dean, Academic Affairs, AU, **Dr. S Appa Rao** Ex. GM (HR), Hindustan Shipyard Ltd and **Mr. Ganapathi**, DRC, GITAM were among those who felicitated him. **Mr. Das** advised the Committee to introduce an online Certificate Course for Management Studies under tie up with Foreign Universities.

Govt. to prioritize vaccination to seafarers

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Reviewing the vaccination status, Union Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways (I/C) **Mr. Mansukh Mandaviya** suggested that the seafaring industry should not get hampered due to non-vaccination and emphasized that all efforts should be made to get the seafarers vaccinated before joining their scheduled duties on board.

Due to the recent intervention by the Ministry, Major Ports have started Vaccination Centres. Six Major Ports which includes Mumbai Port Trust, Cochin Port Trust, Chennai Port Trust, Visakhapatnam Port Trust, Kolkata Port Trust and Tuticorin Port Trust have started vaccinating seafarers at their port hospital. Moreover, a private hospital in Kerala has also been roped in for vaccinating seafarers.

Seafaring Unions/Associations like MASSA, FOSMA and NUSI have also successfully organized special camps for vaccination.

Apart from these measures, Ministry of PS&W has been making efforts to take State Governments on board for including seafarers in their State 'priority' list, and Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Goa has already provided such status.

Chennai port waives charges for LMO handling

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In line with the guidelines of Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Water-



ways, Chennai Port has waived all charges for handling Container trains bringing LMO and is providing all required assistance for the same.

The Government of

Tamil Nadu has also requested Chennai Port to handle trains bringing liquid oxygen from various parts of the country at its railway siding as this will facilitate quicker movement of oxygen to hospitals in Chennai.

The first container train carrying liquid oxygen was handled at the Chennai Port Railway Siding on May 31, 2021. The liquid

oxygen received in cryogenic vessels was loaded at Dolvi Steel Plant of Jindal Steel Works, Maharashtra. Chennai Port will continue to provide all possible assistance for bringing in the critical oxygen supplies to Chennai, stated a release.

Mr. Sunil Paliwal, Chairman, Chennai Port Trust inspected these containers being handled at at Chennai Port. **Mr. S. Balaji Arunkumar**, Deputy Chairman, Chennai Port Trust, **Mr. Karthikeyan**, General Manager, TIDCO and other officials were present.

SCR sets New Records in Parcel Earnings

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The South central Zone recorded its highest ever Parcel earnings in a month during May 2021. The Zone earned revenue of Rs.19.14 crores by loading 44,374 tonnes of Parcels during the month of May '21.

The parcel earnings recorded by the Zone during the month of May (i.e., Rs. 19.14 crs) is almost Rs. 3 crores (approx 19%) higher than the previous highest Parcel revenue earned during the month of January 2021.

Further, the month also witnessed the Zone recording the highest ever single day Parcel earnings by earning Rs. 1.099 crores on 6th May 2021.

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One of the major contributors for this growth has been the 40 Timetabled Parcel Trains operated by the Zone during this period. These trains have helped in transportation of several essential commodities like Fruits, Medicines, Paddy

Seeds, Eggs, Fish, Lemon and Ghee among others to different destination across the country said an official release from SCR.

Further, this also includes 62 lakhs litres of Milk transported through Doodh Duronto specials to the National Capital.

Mr. Gajanan Mallya, General Manager of South Central Railway complimented the efforts put in by the Zonal and Divisional teams of Operating and Commercial branches in achieving the best ever parcel revenue in the month of May'2021.

JNPT handles 454,385 TEUs in May'21

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India's premier container port continued its steady surge in cargo handling. During the month of May'21, JNPT handled 454,385 TEUs, as against 2,74,755 TEUs handled in the same period during the previous year, recording growth of 65.38%.

In rail operations the port handled 86,452 TEUS of ICD traffic from 551 rakes in May, 2021 wherein the Rail-Coefficient is 19.03%.

JNPT also executed the handling of 327.632 MT of liquid medical oxygen and medical accessories in May'21. The port has been ensuring the movement of vessels carrying oxygen remains unhindered and is giving utmost priority to such con-



signments. A total of 278.272 MT liquid oxygen and 49.36 MT Medical accessories have been handled at the port for distribution to hospitals for COVID treatment.

Commenting on the performance, JNPT Chairman **Mr. Sanjay**

Sethi, IAS, said, "We maintained our good performance in May 2021 and JNPT will continue to contribute towards the endeavour to battle the second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic".

Govt appoints panel for GPL merger

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The Andhra Pradesh government recently, constituted a six-member Empowered Committee of Secretaries for implementing the merger of the Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL) with the Adani Port SEZ Limited (APSEZ). The panel consists of Chief Commissioner of Land Administration **Mr. Neerabh Kumar Prasad** as Chairman and Special Chief Secretary Infrastructure and Investments) **Mr. R. Karikal Valaven** as Convener.

According to G.O.MS No.5 issued by Chief Sec-

retary **Mr. Aditya Nath Das**, the GoS is required to examine various issues pertaining to the proposed merger, including creation of a Special Purpose Company (SPC) for entering into a revised concession agreement on the same terms and conditions as the original concession agreement.

The GoS will have Special Chief Secretary (Revenue and Tourism) **Mr. Rajat Bhargava**, Principal Secretary (Finance) **Mr. S.S.Rawat**, and Secretaries **Mr. K.V.Ramana** (Public Enterprises) and **Ms. V. Sunitha** (Law) as its members.

VOC Port inks MoU for Vessel Traffic software

VIS News Service

V.O Chidambaranar Port Trust, Tuticorin, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National

Traffic Service, develop indigenous Vessel Traffic System software for VOC Port, that would facilitate identification, tracking, analysis of ship-

The duration of the MoU for maintenance & updating of the entire system shall be for a period of five years, extendable by another five years stated an official release from VOC port.

The indigenous VTS software development would be carried out at a cost of Rs. 27,81,600.

Speaking on the occasion, VOC Port Chairman **Mr. T.K. Ramachandran, IAS**, stated that the "VOC Port is the first Indian Major Port to sign MoU with NTCPCW for development of Indigenous software for VTS System.

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Mr. T.K. Ramachandran, IAS
Chairman, VOC Port

Technology Centre for Ports Waterways & Coasts (NTCPCW) and IIT Madras.

As per the MoU, NTCPCW would maintain the existing Vessel

ping traffic, real-time information for Pilots, monitoring of meteorological warnings, and integration of existing Automatic Identification System (AIS).

Gangavaram Port plants 5000 saplings

VIS News Service

India's deepest and multipurpose port, Gangavaram Port Limited, celebrated World Environment Day by initiating a week-long Green Belt development initiative at the port premises. Embracing the World Environment Day 2021 theme of 'Ecosystem Restoration', awareness programs were organized for the staff along with a massive plantation drive to restore and recreate the green surroundings.

As per a release from the port, Gangavaram Port has taken up Miyawaki's method of plantation in one-acre land and has planted more than 5000 saplings

with different types of species.

Apart from the plantation drive the teams also conducted Pond cleaning and Beach cleaning activities to create a pollution-free



and sustainable environment. The Port also maintains an in-house nursery with nearly 1 lakh saplings of different varieties of the avenue, fruit-bearing & ornamental plants, and is continuously focusing on developing a green belt for the neighbouring villages said

the release. The program was attended by **Mr. G.J.Rao**, Executive Director, **Mr. Sambasiva Rao**,

CEO, **Mr. V. Janardhan Rao**, COO, **Mr. C.S. Raju**, Director (S&P), **Dr. D. Jyothi**, Vice President (Environment), **Mr. Devendra Thakar**, Head Techno-Commercial and **Mr. Avinash Patel**, Head Finance along with key staff members of the port.

Synergies castings gives 20k face masks

VIS News Service

Synergies Castings Limited a manufacturer of Aluminium alloy wheels in India is contributing to the fight against COVID 19 by not only manufactur-



ing Face Shields, Face Masks and Sanitizers, apart from various other products, but has also been distributing them free of cost to Frontline Warriors, COVID 19 victims and needy people as the main focus of its CSR

goals.

Dr. Prasad Chalasani, a NRI doctor from Florida in the USA, along with friends of the Class of 1981, Andhra Medical College, have teamed up with Synergies Castings Limited to help the Frontline Warriors of King George Hospital (KGH), Visakhapatnam,

who have been relentlessly working 24x7 to serve the patients. Dr. Prasad and Synergies Castings Limited have come forward to distribute 20,000 Face Masks and 2,500 Face Shields to the Frontline Warriors of KGH, Visakhapatnam.

GoAP to spend Rs 8k crs on 14 medical colleges

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The Chief Minister **Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy** recently laid the foundation for construction of 14 new medical colleges in the state.

These new medical colleges will come up at Piduguralla, Machilipatnam, Vizianagaram, Anakapalle, Rajahmundry, Amalapuram, Palakollu, Eluru, Bapatla, Markapuram, Madanapalle, Penugonda, Nandyala and Adoni.

It was informed that work is already in progress at Pulivendula and Paderu where the stone is laid for new medical colleges earlier.

As per the CM plans are to complete the con-



struction work of all the 16 medical colleges in three years.

health care to the poor said the CM.

He further stated that

Private hospitals willing to invest Rs.100 crore in 3 years will be allotted 5 acres of land free of cost in district headquarters and corporations.

We are spending about Rs.8,000 crore for construction of medical colleges which are being built with the aim to extend quality

apart from these medical colleges, we are setting up 500-bedded hospitals. The new medical colleges will have all the modern facilities. Al-

ready, we are changing the face of all government hospitals under the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme in order to get national accreditation. Private hospitals willing to invest Rs.100 crore in three years will be allotted five acres of land free of cost in district headquarters and corporations. YSR Village Clinic will be set up in every village and each mandal will have two primary health centres, he said.

Brandix Lanka to be Net Zero Carbon by 2023

Aditya Sabharwal

The apparel industry plays a significant role in an economy as it not only creates huge employment but is an important source of foreign exchange earnings for a country. However the apparel industry is also an industry wherein sustainability plays a paramount role as the sector is expected to reduce the ill effects it causes to the environment.

From being one of the largest consumers of water to the use of various hazardous chemicals and discharge of harmful waste the industry has the onus of being environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Therefore it is crucial that big apparel manufacturers take the lead and show a way that is not only profitable for their shareholders but is simultaneously sustainable and friendly to the environment.

Making huge strides in its sustainability drive is Brandix Lanka. With over 50 years of experience in Apparel manufacturing in Sri Lanka and providing

solutions to renowned brands across the world the company has been vigor-

less than 50 MT in 2019/20'.

The company is said to

Ms Naadia.

Similarly the company has been aggressive in its

Lanka by 2023 and 13 MW in India by 2025. It also uses 100% biomass for its boilers.

Although the company currently uses 67% of renewable energy it aims to become 100% renewable energy by 2023.

'These goals actually help the organization in the long run and what is important is that our leadership is equally inclined in getting this done' said Ms Naadia.

The Brandix sustainability summit saw an expert line up of speak-



We have seen a 84% drop in our carbon footprint from over 250 tonnes of CO2 emissions/million USD in 2007/08 to less than 50 MT in 2019/20.

Ms Naadia Buhary
Sustainability lead, Brandix apparel limited

ously accelerating its sustainability drive over the years.

'We are well on our way to become net zero carbon by 2023 for all our facilities in Sri Lanka' said **Ms Naadia Buhary**, sustainability lead, Brandix apparel limited, speaking at Brandix's first ever sustainability summit.

Highlighting the organization's achievements in its sustainability drive she pointed 'We have seen a 84% drop in our carbon footprint from over 250 tonnes of CO2 emissions/million USD in 2007/08 to

work on a sustainability use of renewable energy

framework which encompasses the 3 main components i.e. Air, Water and earth.

'There has been an 84% reduction in GHG emissions, 29% reduction in occupant water consumption and 91% of our waste is recycled and reused' cited

with solar energy leading the way. The organization has Solar PV of 9MW across 12 facilities which it aims to take to 11MW in Sri

ers share their valuable thoughts and ideas on the theme 'Towards a Net Zero Future - Translating Targets to Action'.

Farmers asked to register on e-portal

The State Agriculture Minister **Kursala Kannababu** has assured the farmers the government will procure paddy from Rythu Bharosa Kendras.

He asked the farmers to register their names in the Paddy Procurement Online portal on 'This Crop' through the RBKs in each village. Farmers from other states will not be able to sell their crops in AP as the names will be registered in this portal.

Govt. to procure 45 lakh MT of paddy

Civil Supplies Commissioner **Mr. Kona Shashidhar** has said the government has set a target of procuring 45 lakh metric tonnes of paddy for the rabi season at a cost of about Rs 8,600 crore. The government has already procured over 25 lakh metric tonnes of paddy from 3,78,206 farmers at a cost of Rs 4,729 crore.

Speaking to press persons, Mr. Shashidhar said that despite untimely rains and adverse conditions, the government was taking steps for procuring paddy through RBKs at Minimum Support Price.

Brandix's journey to Net Zero Carbon:

- Aims to be 100% renewable energy by 2023 currently stands at 67%
- Solar PV: 9MW across 12 facilities
- 11MW in Sri Lanka by 2023
- 13 MW in India by 2025
- Uses 100% biomass for its boilers

French Co's Rs 350 cr Vizag unit starts Commercial operations

Aditya Sabharwal

French multinational company Imerys recently launched commercial sales from its new calcium aluminate plant in Vizag.

invested Rs. 350 crores in this new facility in Vizag,

meeting demand in low-cement castables.

The new plant is a major milestone for Imerys. It is another proof that the Group continues to invest in growing markets and geographies. The fully remote commissioning, caused by the perduring pandemic, has been an incredible achievement. Our local teams have been simply great, commented **Mr. Alessandro DAZZA**, Imerys Chief Executive Officer.

mers and refractory products.

For the Vizag plant, the company has hired 100 people from local communities, who have been trained gradually as the commissioning of the plant was progressing.

“Our Vizag plant helps Imerys to be closer to our customers, in addition to subscribing to

Segi P. Idicula, Director of Imerys Vizag.

Speaking to *Vizag Industrial Scan* Mr Idicula further informed that the Vizag plant will also have the potential for exports to South East Asia. In addition he said that the plant will also serve as a distribution center of imported ready-to-use mortars and bentonite solutions to serve the fast growing



The opening of the Vizag plant is a major milestone for Imerys.

Mr. Alessandro DAZZA
Imerys, CEO

A world leader in mineral-based specialty solutions for industry, Imerys delivers high value-added, functional solutions to diversified set of industrial

which will supply the refractory as well as the construction market with SECAR@70V, a calcium aluminate binder with con-

These products have been developed by Imerys scientists to meet the specific needs of the Indian refractory and construction industries and

Imerys India today employs 800 people, located in 16 industrial sites and 8 sales offices. In addition to

the “Make in India” drive by the Government of India to promote self-sufficiency and save foreign exchange through import substitution” said **Mr.**

infrastructure sector, in particular for applications such as waste water, tunneling and civil engineering in general.

Vizag Plant:

- To also have the potential for exports to South East Asia
- Employment to 100 people
- End Clients: Refractory producers & Construction chemical producers



Our Vizag plant helps Imerys to be closer to our customers, in addition to subscribing to the

“Make in India” drive by Gol.

Mr. Segi P. Idicula
Director of Imerys Vizag

sectors, from processing industries to consumer goods.

With €8.8 billion revenue and 16,400 employees in 2020, the group has

trolled chemistry and optimised mineralogy for conventional castable applications, and SECAR@68V, a calcium aluminate binder dedicated to grow-

adapted to the climate of the sub-continent stated an official release from the company to *Vizag Industrial Scan*.

“The opening of this

CBDT's revised time lines and a new ePortal

CA. Rony Antony

As the country is grappling with second phase of Covid-19 pandemic, Central Board of Direct Taxes (“CBDT”) on 20th May 2021, took a far-sighted approach and extended the due date of various statutory deadlines. This action by the CBDT will greatly help the taxpayer in planning



time limits in view of the severe pandemic, of which significant ones

liability is discharged by TDS and advance tax upto Rs 1 lakhs. This is a welcome move that will help alleviate the cash flow issues faced by individuals and small businesses.

Pre filled tax returns

In order to ease the income tax return filing the Government has launched a mechanism of

It is expected that with the pre-filled form, the probabilities of errors while filing taxes will be greatly reduced.

Upgraded e-filing portal

The CBDT has launched the new income tax e-filing portal 2020 (www.incometax.gov.in) on 7th June 2021 replac-

cessing of ITRs to issue quick refunds to taxpayers;

- Single dashboard for follow-up action by taxpayer;

- Free of cost ITR preparation software available with interactive questions;

The steps taken by the CBDT to ease the pan-

‘Complete land survey by June 2023’

VIS News Service

The Chief Minister **Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** has instructed officials to complete the first-of-its-kind comprehensive land survey programme in the state by June 2023.

Reviewing the survey implementation at his camp office in Tadepalli, the CM suggested that the officials conduct regular review meetings on the progress, and ensure there are no problems in the survey in remote and forest areas.

Village/ward secretariats should be prepared to provide all types of services to the people, including providing birth and death certificates, he noted. The officials informed that they have set up 70 base stations so far, and more ground stations with the help of Survey of India and drones will be established.

Particulars	Original Date	Revised Date
Taxpayers requiring to furnish transfer pricing report	30 November 2021	31 December 2021
Taxpayers requiring to get their accounts audited and not covered above	31 October 2021	30 November 2021
Other taxpayers not covered above (e.g., individuals, firms not liable to audit etc.)	31 July 2021	30 September 2021

their compliance.

Recent extension by CBDT on filing tax returns

CBDT vide circular dated 20th May 2021 has granted extension of

are as follows:

The CBDT has also provided extension of applicability of interest u/s. 234A (i.e., interest on late payment of advance tax) in case total income tax

pre-filled forms. Taxpayers will now have more pre-filled details which includes salary income from pre-filled from Form 16A, TDS credit and other income from Form 26AS, etc.

ing the existing e-filing portal. The new portal aims to provide speed, accuracy, convenience, and usability. Some of the portal’s features are:

- Integrated pro-

demic impact on compliance timelines as well as to is revitalize its portal are welcome moves from a taxpayer standpoint.

(The writer is Partner Tax & Regulatory Services, BDO India, LLP)

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Tirumala Rao at the helm of APSRTC

Ch Dwaraka Tirumala Rao, a 1989 batch IPS Officer, recently assumed office as vice-chairman and managing director of APSRTC at RTC House. He took charge from former DGP **RP Thakur**. He previously served as the DG-Railway Police and Vijayawada Commissioner of Police. "I am happy that the government has appointed me as VC and MD of APSRTC and placed heavy responsibility on my shoulders," he said after assuming charge. He observed he will study the financial situation of APSRTC thoroughly, and take all necessary steps to bring it back from crisis and make it profitable, besides focusing on the employees' welfare.



Rajabapaiah gets addl. charge of APEPDCL CMD

The government has transferred **Ms S.Nagalakshmi, IAS (RR:2012)**, Chairman & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited, Visakhapatnam as Collector & District Magistrate, Ananthapur. **Mr. K. Rajabapaiah, Director (Projects), Andhra Pradesh Eastern Power Distribution Company Limited, Visakhapatnam** has been given full additional charge for the post of APEPDCL CMD, Visakhapatnam until further orders.

Purushotham takes charge as ARC Hony. Dir.

Honorary Director of Agro-Economic Research Centre (ARC) of Andhra University. Registrar, **Mr. V. Krishna Mohan** and other ARC members welcomed him. At present **Dr. Purushotham** is IPR Chair professor in Andhra University. Before joining Andhra University had served as a Chairman and Managing Director of National Research Development Corporation.



Sanjay MD of APSPHCL

The government has transferred **Mr. N. Sanjay, IPS (RR:1996)**, Additional Director General of Police, (Training) and posted him as Managing Director, AP State Police Housing Corporation Ltd.. He is placed in full additional charge of the post of Additional Director General of Police, Personnel & Training in the O/o DGP, AP, Mangalagiri, until further orders.

Navya posted as Secy. APSWREIS

Ms. B. Navya, IAS, who is waiting for posting is posted as Secretary, A.P. Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society. She is also placed in full additional charge of the post of Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. Scheduled Castes Cooperative Finance Corporation Limited, until further orders.

Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery begins

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Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery has begun from 15th June 2021. Earlier it was expected to be implemented from 1st June 2021.

Under Hallmarking scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards, Jewellers are registered for selling hallmarked jewellery and recognise testing and Hallmarking centres. BIS (Hallmarking) Regulations, were implemented w.e.f. 14.06.2018 stated an official release from the ministry of consumer affairs.

Hallmarking will enable Jewellery buyers to make a right choice and save them from any unnecessary confusion while buying gold.

Only 30% of Indian Gold Jewellery hallmarked.

At present, only 30% of Indian Gold Jewellery is hallmarked.

The Hallmarking of jewellery/artefacts is required to enhance the credibility of gold Jewellery and

Customer satisfaction through third party assurance for the marked purity/fineness of gold, consumer protection. This step will also help to develop India as a leading gold market center in the World.

The number of A&H centers have increased from 454 to 945 in the last five years. At present 940 Assaying and Hallmarking centers are operative said the release.

According to World Gold Council, India has around 4 lakh jewellers, out of this only 35879 have been BIS certified.

VADM Nair New DGNP



VIS News Service

Vice Admiral Sree Kumar Nair, AVSM, NM, recently took over as the Director General Naval Projects (DGNP), Visakhapatnam from **Vice Admiral Kiran Deshmukh, AVSM, VSM**.

Vice Admiral Nair has earlier served as Admiral Superintendent, Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam and Assistant Chief of Materiel (Information Technology and Systems), at Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy).

Some of his other major shore appointments include Chief Staff Officer (Technical), Headquarters Southern Naval Command., Principal Director Ship Production, Principal Director Weapon Equipment and Director of Personnel at Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence (Navy), New Delhi.

New SICs take charge

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Chief Secretary **Mr. Aditya Nath Das** administered the oath of office to **U.Hariprasad Reddy** and **KChama Reddy**, who were recently appointed as



State Information Commissioners in AP Information Commission. He congratulated the officials on behalf of the government.

RADM Uthaiyah as Adml Supdt, ND

VIS News Service

Rear Admiral IB R Uthaiyah, VSM, has taken over as the Admiral Superintendent, Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam from **Rear Admiral Sree Kumar Nair, NM** during a formal ceremony.



Rear Admiral IB Uthaiyah, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Nov 1987.

In his 33 years of ser-

vice, the Admiral has served the Indian Navy in various capacities, with appointments at the Warship Design Directorate, Training Academies, Naval Dockyard and at the Command and Naval Headquarters.

The Admiral holds a B Tech Degree in Marine Engineering, an M Tech Degree in Mathematical Modelling and Computer Simulation and an M Phil Degree in Strategic Studies.

Digitization in Port Ecosystem

Afaq Hussain

Over the last few years, India's rankings in the Ease of Doing Business have witnessed an upward trend, particularly in the 'trading across borders' parameter. This has been the result of multiple initiatives undertaken in the trade facilitation realm, especially post India's ratification of the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) in April 2016. India's rank in 'trading across borders', improved by 75 positions moving from 143 in 2017 to 68 at present. Throughout the reform process, digitization has been a critical element in simplifying trade procedures across Indian ports. While some digital platforms have eased the compliance and regulatory burden on the traders, the ground evidence suggests that there still exists



some scope to move towards full digitization. Terms of functionalities, technical glitches, lack of message exchange between different systems and low levels of awareness/training among the users have delayed the transition to a paperless trade ecosystem for exports and imports.

The port ecosystem in India consists of multiple stakeholders, including customs brokers, shipping lines, freight forwarders, transport operators, port custodians, container freight sta-

tions (CFS) and border management authorities. The present COVID 19 crisis further highlighted the need to boost the digital infrastructure in India's trading environment and integrate all the stakeholders. During the COVID 19, the government has continuously focussed towards addressing the disruptions caused by the pandemic through various initiatives.

Steps like the faceless assessment, system driven submission of documents by importers/exporters, development of Port Community System (PCS) 1x are the initiatives in the right direction and will surely help in easing the trade ecosystem. While these reform measures are significant, there is a need for further improvement in leveraging information technology to create a paperless trade ecosystem. Some of the initia-

tives that could be initiated include complete integration of Port Community System (PCS) with all the stakeholders in the trade ecosystem including the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway (ICEGATE), completely digitizing and integrating partner government agencies (testing agencies), real time container tracking systems at all the ports, capacity building of stakeholders towards effective implementation of digital platforms, etc. Continuous focus on the development of various digital platforms, enhancing the use of online transactions, connecting multiple stakeholders digitally, etc will be important in India's journey to move into the top 50 rank of the ease of doing business.

(The writer is Co-Founder & Director of Bureau of Research on Industry & Economic Fundamentals. Views expressed are personal.)

AP contributed 36%(in US\$) of India's Seafood exports

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'Andhra Pradesh accounts for about 70% of the

while in rupee terms it was Rs. 15,831.74 crores.

Although there has been a decline in the overall sea-

sea foods.

Concurred **Mr Nagesh**, CFO, Nekkanti seafoods and stated 'The frozen shrimp category continues to have strong demand across the world'.

AP's Export Markets

In terms of geographies USA and China continued to be the largest importers with USA accounting for 176,488 tons worth USD 1524.07 million followed by China with 50,565 tons worth USD 274.54 million. The European union and middle east were the other large markets (See pie chart).

Vizag Port/VCTPL Highest market Share

Marine products were exported through 30 different sea/air/land ports. Vizag, Calcutta, Kochi, Krishnapatnam, and JNP are the major ports which

depends on how the pandemic is controlled' said Sea Food Exporters Association of India (SEAI), President and CMD Avanti Feeds, **Mr Indra Kumar** speaking to *Vizag Industrial Scan*.

Similarly issues such as availability of reefer containers, fluctuation of the dollar-rupee, labour problems due to COVID restrictions and pending release of incentives remain a point of concern.

'Even though the government had declared the incentives under the MEIS scheme it has still not been released for last year. All exporters are eagerly waiting for the release of their incentives' informed Mr Nagesh.

Exports to Remain Strong

Ms Ponniah however opines that the export prospects for the current fiscal remain strong with the reopening in developed countries. 'While the 2nd wave has disrupted farming, the impact so far has been low' said Ms Ponniah.

She further added that given the global demand for shrimp, India can capitalise on attracting investments.

Ms Ponniah though did stress on meeting global standards on hygiene and disease safety and usage of quality broodstock and

food sector.

In 2019-20, India exported 12,89,651 MT of

per cent in rupee terms and 10.81 per cent in dollar value in 2020-21 (See



The aquaculture sector performed better during this fiscal by contributing 67.99

per cent of exported items in dollar terms.

Mr. K S Srinivas, IAS
Chairman, MPEDA

aquaculture shrimp produced in India and its fortunes are closely linked to

food exports in FY'21 compared to FY'20 industry, insiders say the effect of the

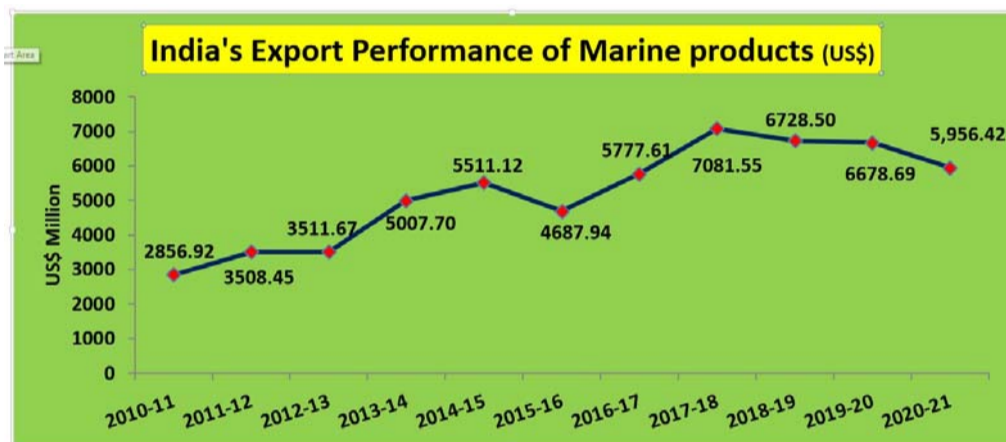


Andhra Pradesh accounts for about 70% of the aquaculture shrimp produced in India and its fortunes are

closely linked to the overall export prospects for the country.

Ms Pavethra Ponniah
Vice President & Co Group head
ICRA

seafood worth Rs 46,662.85 crore (US\$ 6.68 billion), *India's exports Graph*).



the overall export prospects

pandemic has been minimal

have handled marine cargo. Vizag handled 28% of exports from India in US\$ terms(See table below).

Ms Ponniah though did stress on meeting global standards on hygiene and disease safety and usage of quality broodstock and

Marine Items Exported from AP

Item Name	US\$ (Mln)
FROZEN SHRIMP	2125.55
FROZEN FISH	5.86
FR CUTTLE FISH	1.59
FR SQUID	0.07
DRIED ITEM	0.85
LIVE ITEMS	0.45
CHILLED ITEMS	10.85
OTHERS	9.33
** Grand Total **	2154.55

marking a decline of 6.31



Visakhapatnam stood top in the sea food exports during FY'21 both in terms of quantity and share in the country.

Mr Anil Narayanan
Dy COO, VCTPL

for the country' **Ms Pavethra Ponniah**, Vice President & Co Group head, ICRA told *Vizag In-*

on this sector compared to other sectors.

'I think the state has done extremely well keep-

Certain issues faced by Sector:

- Non-Availability of Reefer containers
- Fluctuation in the Dollar-Rupee
- Labour problems due to COVID restrictions
- Release of incentives under MEIS

Issues faced by Sector

Despite being a decent year for the seafood exporters, there are certain issues that the industry has been facing and pose a challenge to the sector.

The pandemic for one is

traceability as other critical global requirements.

India's total Exports

The country on a whole registered seafood exports to the tune of USD 5.96 billion in FY'21 having exported 11,49,341 MT of Seafoods.

USA and China were the major importers of Indian seafood while Frozen Shrimp continued to be the major export item followed by frozen fish.

The COVID pandemic and sluggish overseas markets did cast their shadow over India's resurgent sea-



Though there has been a dip in FY'21 compared to FY'20 overall prospects look strong. However it also

depends on how the pandemic turns out this year.

Mr Indra Kumar
President, SEAI & CMD Avanti Feeds



The frozen shrimp category continues to have strong demand across the world.

Mr Nagesh
CFO, Nekkanti Seafoods

dustrial Scan.

All in all in value terms the state exported USD 2154.55 million of marine exports in the last fiscal

ing the current situation in mind and we expect to continue to lead in this sector going forward' said **Mr CH Kishore**, MD Sandbay

major concern as partial lockdowns still continue in many states. 'It is an uncertain situation right now and one can't really predict how this fiscal will pan out. It all

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India's May 2021 trade deficit at USD 6.32 Billion

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Releasing the trade data for the month of May'21 the government

May 2019.

India's merchandise imports in May 2021 was USD 38.53 billion, an increase of 68.54% over

over trade deficit USD 3.62 billion in May 2020 and reduction by 62.49% over trade deficit USD 16.84 billion in May 2019.

May 2019.

The value of non-petroleum and non-gems and jewellery exports in May 2021 was USD 23.97 billion, registering a positive growth of 45.96% over USD 16.42 billion in May 2020 and a positive growth of 11.51% over USD 21.5 billion in May 2019.

In May 2021, Oil imports was USD 9.45 billion, a positive growth of 164.46% compared to USD 3.57 billion in May 2020 and a negative growth of 24.94 compared to USD 12.59 billion in May 2019.

Non-oil imports in May 2021 was estimated at USD 29.08 billion, showing an increase of 50.77% compared to USD 19.29 billion in May 2020 and a decrease of 14.71% compared to USD 34.09 billion in May 2019.

MERCHANDISE TRADE: Preliminary Data, May 2021

Summary

Value in USD Billion

	Total					
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	% change 2021-22 over 2020-21	% change 2021-22 over 2019-20	2019-20
Exports	29.85	19.24	32.21	67.39	7.93	24.92
Imports	46.68	22.86	38.53	68.54	-17.47	34.09
Deficit	16.84	3.62	6.32	74.69	-62.49	9.17

announced that India's merchandise exports in May 2021 stood at USD 32.21 billion, an increase of 67.39% over USD 19.24 billion in May 2020 and an increase of 7.93% over USD 29.85 billion in

USD 22.86 billion in May 2020 and a decline of 17.47% over USD 46.68 billion in May 2019.

India was thus a net importer in May 2021 with a trade deficit of USD 6.32 billion, increase of 74.69%

In May 2021, the value of non-petroleum exports was USD 26.94 billion, registering a positive growth of 54.06% over USD 17.49 billion in May 2020 and a positive growth of 8.08% over USD 24.92 billion in

GoI issues guidelines for PLI Scheme for White Goods

VIS News Service

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India recently notified the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for White

Goods (Air Conditioners and LED Lights) manufacturers in India.

The objective of the scheme is to create complete component ecosystem in India and make India an integral part of the global supply chains. With due consultations with industry and other stakeholders, DPIIT is-

sued detailed Scheme Guidelines for effective operation and smooth implementation of the Scheme. The Scheme is expected to attract global investments, enhance manufacturing and generate large scale employment opportunities.

Detailed Scheme Guidelines may be accessed

Applications Invited from 15th June 2021 to 15th September

at <https://dipp.gov.in/production-linked-incentive-scheme/production-linked-incentive-scheme-pli-white-goods>.

The application window for the Scheme shall be open from 15th June 2021 to 15th September, 2021.

India's Agri Exports stood at USD 29 Billion in FY'21

VIS News Service

The government recently announced the numbers for Agri exports from India. Interacting with the media Secretary, department of Commerce, Government of India Dr Anup Wadhawan said that Agriculture Exports have performed well during 2020-21.

He informed that agriculture products (excluding marine and plantation products), witnessed a growth of 28.36% with ex-

ports of USD 29.81 billion in 2020-21 as compared to

during the COVID-19 period he said.

wheat by 774.17% to USD 549.16 million; and other cereals (Millets, Maize and other coarse grains) by 238.28% to USD 694.14 million.

Other agricultural products, which registered significant increase in exports, as compared to 2019-20, were oil meals (USD 1575.34 million - growth of 90.28%), sugar (USD 2789.97 million -

Top Export markets:

USA, China, Bangladesh, UAE, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nepal, Iran and Malaysia

growth 41.88%), raw cotton (USD 1897.20 million - growth 79.43%), fresh vegetables (USD 721.47 million - growth 10.71%) and vegetable oils (USD 602.77 million - growth 254.39%) etc.

The organic exports during 2020-21 were USD1040

million as against USD 689 million in 2019-20, registering a growth of 50.94%. Organic exports include oil cake/ meals, oil seeds, cereals and millets, spices and condiments, tea, medicinal plant products, dry fruits, sugar, pulses, coffee etc.

- Non-basmati rice ↑ 136.04%
- Wheat ↑ 774.17%
- Other cereals (Millets, Maize and other coarse grains) ↑ 238.28%
- Organic exports ↑ 50.94%.

USD 23.23 billion in 2019-20. India has been able to take advantage of the increased demand for staples

Growth was seen in export of cereals with export of non-basmati rice growing by 136.04% to USD 4794.54 million;

Amara Raja Batteries sees 45% jump in PBT for Q4

VIS News Service

One of the largest manufacturers of lead-acid batteries for both industrial and automotive applications in the Indian storage battery industry, Amara Raja Batteries Limited, recently reported its Q4 results for FY'21.

In Q4 of FY 21 the company reported revenue of Rs 2,102.70 (Rs 1,581.39 crores) and profit before tax (PBT) of

Rs.258.79 crores (Rs. 178.28 crores) thereby marking a growth of 45%.



Commenting on the results, Mr. Jayadev Galla, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Amara Raja Batteries Limited, said "We have managed to perform better than the previous year despite the very challenging and uncertain environment during the fiscal year gone by."

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In its third edition of Industry Spotlight, SIDBI and CRIF High Mark analysed the 'Indian Textile and Apparels' industry.

According to the report, the total amount of credit availed by the sector as of December 2020 stood at Rs.1.62 lakh crore, which witnessed a Y-o-Y decline of nearly 20%. This it stated was due to the suspension of manufacturing activities in the immediate aftermath of the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. The report also stated that the number of



active loans (volume), in the sector stood at 4.26 lakh, as of December 2020.

MSME borrowers have a lion share of the overall credit by volume

With 95% of the overall credit by volume of the sector concentrated in mi-

cro, small and medium segment of borrowers, the industry has a presence of close to 5 lakh borrowers as of December 2020.

Geographical insights on top textile hubs

At the state level, Maharashtra has the largest share of the credit portfolio at 25% of the credit book to the sector.

Commenting on the re-

port Mr Sivasubramanian Ramann, Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI said, "The sector is the fifth largest in exports, contributing to 12% of the country's export earnings and 2% to GDP. India is a world leader in textiles and possesses the entire manufacturing value chain."

Lender profiles for the Indian textile and apparel sector

Public sector banks are dominant lenders in providing finance to the sector with a share of 62.61% in volume as of December 2020.

"Textiles Industry availed credit of Rs.1.62 lakh cr"

AP receives Rs 1438 crs in Revenue Deficit grant

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The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance recently released the 3rd monthly instalment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of Rs. 9,871 crore for the year 2021-22 to 17 States.

With the release of 3rd instalment, a total amount of Rs. 29, 613 crore has been released in the first three months of the current financial year as Post Devolution Revenue

Deficit Grant to the states said a release from the Ministry of Finance.

The state of Andhra Pradesh received Rs 1438.08 crores in the third instalment.

The Centre provides the Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant to the States under Article 275 of the Constitution. The grants are released as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission in monthly instalments to meet the gap in Revenue Accounts of the States post

devolution. The 15th Finance Commission has recommended Post Devolution Release Deficit grants to 17 States.

Other States recommended for Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant included: Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

Over 30K MT of AP Bananas exported

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As part of the Agriculture Export Policy of the government of India, 46 unique product-district clusters were identified for export promotion. 29 Cluster Level Committees were formed in different clusters. Many of these clusters spread across the country witnessed many success stories.

Two clusters in Andhra Pradesh namely Anantapur

cluster for Bananas and the mango cluster saw significant numbers in exports.

Anantapur Cluster (Banana): During the recent season (Jan-April 2021), 30,291 MT of banana were dispatched from Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh through 9 reefer rail movements and exported to Middle East.

Mango Cluster, Andhra Pradesh - In the current season, a consignment of Banganapalli (GI certi-

fied) & Survarnarekha mangoes sourced from farmers in Krishna & Chittoor cluster districts were exported to South Korea.

A total 109 MT mangoes was exported to Middle East, EU, UK, and New Zealand from the cluster. Similarly during this mango season, a total quantity of 4000MT of mangoes was transported from Krishna cluster district, Andhra Pradesh to Delhi by rail.

Unveiling AP's Mega Investments

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ginger 45% was done alone by Kia Motors in its Anantapur plant creating employment for 11,000 people. The company invested Rs 13,500 crores in August of 2019 as per the data of APEDB. On a whole the district of Anantapur raked in Rs 18,494 crores of investments out of the total Rs 29,780 crores thus registering a staggering 62% of total investments received.

The district of Visakhapatnam received

trict received a sum of Rs 2306.06 crores.

ing this period included the likes of Ashok Leyland Rs 1000 crores,

crores, Mohan Spintex Rs 751 crores, Toray In-

APEDB mentioned that another **Rs 36,384.29**

2021). These are said to create employment

Large Investments (Over Rs 500 crs) Grounded (Between June 2019-May 2021)

District	Project	Sector	Committed Investment (Rs in Crores)	Committed Employment	Month/Year
Anantapur	Hyundai Transys India	Auto Components	847.97	619	Jul-19
Anantapur	Sungwoo Hightech AP P Ltd	Auto Components	523.78	735	Jul-19
Anantapur	Kia Motors	Auto Components	13500	11000	Aug-19
Chittoor	Toray Industries	Healthcare	1000	130	Feb-20
Chittoor	Hero Motocorp	Auto Components	1600	2500	Mar-20
Chittoor	Apollo Tyres Limited	Auto Components	1200	750	Jun-20
Chittoor	Rockman Industries	Auto Components	652	1000	Oct-20
Krishna	Mohan Spintex	Textiles	751	3575	Mar-20
Krishna	Ashok Leyland	Auto Components	1000	2000	Feb-21
Visakhapatnam	Divis Laboratories	Pharma	500	1500	Jun-20
Visakhapatnam	Divis Laboratories	Pharma	500	750	Jun-20

Rockman Industries (auto components) Rs 652 crores, Divis Laboratories EOU Rs 500 crores, Divis Laboratories (Exp) Rs 500 crores,

for over 75,000 people.

Investments (Between June 2019 - May 2021):

- **Grounded: Rs 29,780.86 crs (About USD 4 Billion)**
- **Under Implementation: Rs 36,384.29 crs (About USD 5 Billion)**

Top 3 Districts of Investments*:

- **Anantapur: Rs 18,494.8 crores**
- **Vizag: Rs 4416.45 crores**
- **Chittoor: Rs 2306.06 crores**

*Grounded between June 2019&May 2021

652 crores, Divis Laboratories EOU Rs 500 crores, Divis Laboratories (Exp) Rs 500 crores,

Investments Proposed

- **Under Active Consideration: Rs 22,338 crs (About USD 3 Billion)**
- **Evinced Interest & Under Active Discussion: Rs 125,572 crs (About USD 18 Billion)**

crores worth of invest-

Some of the mega investments in this segment include SriKalahasti Pipes P Ltd Rs 596.35 crores, ATC Tires AP Rs 1750 crores, Linde India Ltd Rs 500 crores, Jairaj Ispat Ltd Rs 2960 crores, Ramco cements Rs. 1200 crores, Walmart India P Ltd Rs 750 crores, Kansai Nerolac paints Limited Rs 510 crores, AP Power development Company Rs 7942 crores, Saint Gobain India Rs 2000 crores, East coast energy P Ltd Rs 8580 crores, Grasim Industries Rs 750 crores, Rushil Décor Rs 559 crores.

an investment sum of Rs 4416.45 for the same pe-

Some of the other major investments (Over

Large Investments (Over Rs 500 crs) Under Implementation

District	Project	Sector	Committed Investment (Rs in Crores)	Committed Employment
Chittoor	SriKalahasti Pipes	Basic Metals & Alloy Industries	596.35	2100
Chittoor	Linde India	Other Industries	500	600
Chittoor	THK India P Ltd	Engineering	502	400
East Godavari	Grasim Industries	Chemical&Petro Chemical	750	3000
Kurnool	jairaj Ispat Ltd	Basic Metals & Alloy Industries	2960	1100
Kurnool	Ramco Cements	Non Metallic Mineral	1200	1000
SPS Nellore	AP Power Development Corp	Power Generation	7942	450
Srikakulam	East Coast Energy P Ltd	Power Generation	8580	1620
Vizag	ATC Tires P Ltd	Rubber, Plastics, Petroleum	1750	2000
Vizag	Kansai Nerolac Paints	Other Industries	510	1200
Vizag	Saint Gobain	Non Metallic Mineral	2000	1300
Vizag	Rushil Décor	Food, Agro, Marine Products	559	630
Vizag	Rain CII Carbon	Chemical&Petro Chemical	750	850

riod while Chittoor dis-

Rs 500 crores) made dur-

Hero Moto Corp Rs 1600

India Rs 847.97 crores. In addition the

ments is under implementation (June 2019-May

ENC inducts State of the art Helicopters

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The Eastern Naval Command (ENC) recently inducted three Advanced light helicopters (ALHs).

The induction ceremony of '322 Dega Flight' was held in the presence of Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command (ENC) Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh AVSM, VSM with three indigenously built ALHs MK III helicopters flying into Naval Air Station, INS Dega.

With the induction of

these Maritime Reconnaissance and Coastal Security (MRCS) helicopters, the ENC got a major boost towards



enhancing the capabilities of the force, in pursuit of the maritime interests of the nation stated an official release from ENC.

Built by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, these helicopters are state-

of-the-art flying machines and constitute a major step as a part of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

These helicopters are fitted with modern surveillance radar and electro-optical equipment, which enable them to undertake the role of maritime reconnaissance in addition to providing long-range Search and Rescue, both by day and night.

The flight was led by Cdr SS Dash as the first flight commander who is an experienced ALH Qualified Flying Instructor (QFI) with extensive operational experience.

At the Capital

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Chief Minister Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy along with Senior YSRCP leader and Rajya Sabha MP, Mr Vijayasai Reddy recently met Union Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry, consumer affairs food and public distribution, Mr Piyush Goyal in New Delhi.

During his visit to the capital the CM also met several top leaders of the central government including Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah and apprised them of the various dues to the state. He reiterated the state's demand for release of funds for Polavaram project.

In his meeting with the Niti Aayog vice chairman Mr Rajiv Kumar the CM informed him of the state's mega housing programme

and requested to include the provision of infrastructure in

crossing the Kakinada Petro Complex, the CM said a



Pradhan Mantri Avas Yojana.

The CM also met union minister of steel, Mr Dharmendra Pradhan and urged him not to privatise Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP).

Mr Jagan Mohan Reddy also held over an hour-long discussion with Pradhan on the Kakinada Petro Complex and VSP.

As per reports while dis-

promise was made to set up a petro complex at Kakinada SEZ (special economic zone) under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act. It was further stated that detailed project reports (DPRs) have been prepared for the project by HPCL-GAIL companies together with a capacity of one million tonne and at a cost of Rs 32,900 crore.

HPCL's 50 Smart Terminals

VIS News Service

With the successful transformation of Bahadurgarh & Kolkata Terminals into 'Smart Terminals', HPCL has converted 50 of its POL Terminals into 'Smart Terminals'.

These smart terminals are with full automa-

tion and seamless integration of all activities without needing manual interventions to enhance the operational efficiencies and customer value said a release from HPCL.

Smart Terminals are aimed at strengthening the business competency

of HPCL's Supply and Distribution activities and offer superior, proven & standardized process with industry specific solutions, covering all the decisive core elements - from integrated systems to seamless communication down to the field level & stakeholders.

CM's mega Housing project

VIS News Service

Chief Minister Mr. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, digitally launched the construction of houses for the poor.

structing houses for them in a phased manner with the help of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that in the first phase 15.60

roads and drainage, Rs 4,986 crore on power supply, Rs 627 crore on Internet and Rs 567 crore on other facilities for these colonies.

"Unlike in the past, our



Among one of the Navaratnals he had promised to the weaker section of the society the project in the first phase will see 15.60 lakh houses constructed at a cost of Rs 28,084 crore.

After distributing free house site pattas to 30.76 lakh beneficiaries of poor and downtrodden sections in the state, the state government has now taken up con-

lakh houses will be built which will be completed by June 2022. In the second phase 28.30 lakh houses will be built at a cost of Rs.50,944 crore will be taken up," he added.

All new colonies will have the best infrastructure facilities, he informed and said that Rs 4,128 crore will be spent on clean drinking water, Rs 22,587 crore on

government is building each house in a 340 square ft area with a bedroom, hall, kitchen, bathroom and porch. Also, each house is provided with two fans, two tube lights, four bulbs, and a Syntex tank" said the CM.

To monitor the process the Chief Minister has designated a joint Collector in each district apart from the existing joint collectors.

Adm. Dhir as Jt. Secretary



Rear Admiral Kapil Mohan Dhir has taken over as the Joint Secretary (Navy & Defence Staff) in the Department of Military Affairs. He is the first Armed Forces officer to tenant this assignment. He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy Khadakwasla, Pune and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 1985.

He has held important operational and staff appointments, which include Fleet Operations Officer of Eastern Fleet and Commodore in charge Work up, Indian Naval Workup Team (INWT), Kochi.

The officer has rich experience of Ministry of Defence, having worked in various capacities at Naval Headquarters, as well as Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.

He is also a recipient of the 'VishistSeva Medal' and the 'AtiVishishtSeva Medal' for distinguished service.

JSPL supplies 510 MT LMO to AP

VIS News Service

Jindal Steel and Power Ltd has supplied over 1,100 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen to both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

As per the company it supplied 600 tonnes of liquid oxygen to Telangana and 510 tonnes to Andhra Pradesh through cryogenic tankers via road and railways.

Till May 22, JSPL supplied more than 2,400 tonnes of liquid medical oxygen to hospitals located in various states from its Angul steel plant in Odisha.

The company has a capacity to produce 120 tonnes of liquid oxygen per day. JSPL said it can contribute 30 to 50 tonnes per day to both states if cryogenic tankers are available on time.

VSEZ chief urges Cos to plant saplings

VIS News Service

In connection with the World Environment Day Mr. A Rama Mohan Reddy, Zonal Development Commissioner, VSEZ celebrated by planting of Plumeria and Pomegranate saplings in VSEZ. He appealed to all the SEZ Developers and Units besides EOUs located in AP, Telangana to plant at least 5 saplings



on the eve in their premises.

Later the Development commissioner, stressed the importance of Ecosystem Restoration. The theme of this year's World Environment Day is 'Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.'